

RESOLUTION NO. 56

Mary Wilson

WHEREAS, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc. has selected 14 distinguished women to be honored at the *Salute to Women in Leadership Gala* celebrated on Friday, June 17, 2016, and held at the Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel in downtown St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc., under the leadership of its President and CEO, Michael McMillan, strives to enhance the lives of individuals within the entire Metropolitan area of St. Louis and St. Clair and Madison Counties in Illinois by focusing on self empowerment through 26 programs fostering education, economic and social services, neighborhood stabilization, and the recognition of outstanding women who have gone beyond the call of duty in service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Mary Wilson is the recipient of a Salute to Women in Leadership Lifetime Achievement Award for her work as the founding member of the Supremes, as a musician's rights activist, and as a tireless philanthropist; and

WHEREAS, Mary Wilson has released three solo albums, five singles, and two best-selling autobiographies, *Dreamgirl: My Life as a Supreme* and *Supreme Faith: Someday We'll Be Together*; and

WHEREAS, Mary Wilson is a best-selling author, motivational speaker, businesswoman, and former U.S. Cultural Ambassador who has devoted her time and talent to assisting a diverse group of non-profit organizations, including the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, the American Cancer Society, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, the Po Leung Kuk schools of Hong Kung, UNICEF, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and Figure Skaters of Harlem, a youth organization committed to helping children realize their dreams of competing in the Olympics; and

WHEREAS, our nation owes its greatness to the tireless efforts and lofty standards of leading women such as Mary Wilson, recipient of the Salute to Women in Leadership Lifetime Achievement Award for her career achievements, who has demonstrated a dedicated, altruistic commitment to her fellow citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Mary Wilson as a Salute to Women in Leadership Lifetime Achievement Award Honoree, and we wish our honoree continued success, achievement, and accomplishment. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 17th day of June, 2016, by:

The Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

Adopted this the 17th day of June, 2016, as attested by:

Timothy O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen